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## Columbians Discover Confederate Grave Site

### 27 GRAVES ADDED TO TOTAL AT ELMWOOD

**Columbia** - Compatriots Dennis Todd and E.M. Clark of the General Wade Hampton Camp were the driving force behind discovering, researching and preserving a small

placement stones for those destroyed by time. He and Cmt. Clark led in the cleanup of the area and installed the new stones, giving our camp 27 more local veterans to memorialize.

In addition to the other work a new marker was placed at the grave of Governor and Brigadier General, Milledge L. Bonhom.

"Our camp is fortunate to have these dedicated men who are committed to remembering our Southern Veterans," said Camp member Bob Wilkinson.

The Wade Hampton Camp's annual Christmas Ball was held in December. The event featured refreshments and dancing to pe-

### CAMP NEWS

and almost forgotten burial site in Columbia.

About 27 Confederate Veterans, probably members of Camp Hampton, UCV in Columbia, were buried in a plot within Elmwood Cemetery that had been so overgrown that only careful exploration led Cmt. Todd to discover the plot and catalog its occupants.

His efforts secured 17 new re-

riod music performed by the highly acclaimed 11TH NORTH CAROLINA REGIMENTAL BAND.

## Camden

### JOSEPH B. KERSHAW

The J.B. Kershaw Camp is working hard to prepare for the upcoming Division Convention which will be 15 April at the Kershaw County Vocational Center. The Camp will mail information packets to every Compatriot. Commander-in-Chief Earl Faggert and his Chief of Staff have accepted invitations to attend.

J.J. Fox reports that the 20th South Carolina Cavalry has organized with 32 men. They are looking for more riders and horse ownership is not required. Contact Cmt. Fox at 9 Precipice Rd., Camden, SC, 29020.

## Greenville

### 16TH REGIMENT, SOUTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEERS

In October the Greenville Camp held its annual Musket and Cannon Shoot at the farm of Cmt. Roy Christie. Members of the Palmetto Light Artillery turned out to demonstrate drill and several of the Camp members brought rifles to demonstrate nineteenth century fire power.

A short rifle range was set up at the edge of the woods and all in attendance were invited to "take a shot" at their favorite nemesis. *continued on page 3*



Members of the Wade Hampton Camp have uncovered and refurbished these graves of Confederate Veterans buried in Columbia's Elmwood cemetery.

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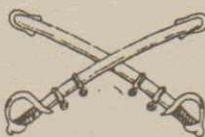
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Subjects for the FORUM column should be of interest and pertinence to the Division membership at-large. FORUM articles must be written by a member of the Division. The Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions for space.

Articles cannot be returned unless accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope.



To you Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will submit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history.

Lieutenant General Stephen D. Lee  
Confederate States Army

## EDITORIAL

### STYLE CHANGE

As you may have noticed the Palmetto Partisan has been on a rather dis-organized schedule. This is entirely the fault of the Editor, with a little help from necessary travel schedules and circumstances beyond our control. It is our intention to put this publication on a regular and consistent regimen so that our Compatriots in the Division and elsewhere can know what to expect and when.

Our readers can help in this matter by diligently sending us reports, photographs and other useful items. Any time you see or hear something interesting send it in as your fellow Divisionaires may like to see it too.

In order to expedite matters we have decided to change the current Camp News column in favor of one that is geared for stories of general interest about Camp activities rather than a simple recount of regular events. This means that every Camp meeting and event will not get reported -- only those of note.

Most Camp's have been very good about sending us reports of their activities. And we have tried to print them as often as possible. All of our articles are written or compiled by one of the people listed at left, or they are sent to us unsolicited. Without these contributions this magazine could be printed on a post card.

However, as you may have noticed, we are not perfect. Therefore, we encourage you to send us your criticisms and complaints alike so that we can improve the type and quality of our Division newsletter. This medium exists for the sole purpose of informing the membership of news and current events from across the State and around the Confederation.

### A Quote of Note

"We have now entered upon a new phase of the struggle. Relieved from the necessity of guarding particular points, our army will be free to move from point to point to strike the enemy ... Let us but will it and we are free..

"I will never consent to abandon to the enemy one foot of the soil of any of the states of the Confederacy...

"Let us not despond then, my countrymen; but, relying on God, meet the foe with fresh defiance and ... unconquerable hearts."

From a proclamation issued 5 April 1865 in the DANVILLE REGISTER by Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

## Sumter Compatriots Repair Historical Marker

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This rifle match was won by **Mrs. Charles Hanson** who hit the "Abe's Eye" with her first shot.

The Camp held its annual "An Evening With..." dinner in December. This year's guest speaker was the renowned **Dr. M.E. Bradford** of the University of Dallas.

His topic was the "Farewell to the Union; The Valedictories of Southern Senators". These remarks on the last speeches of Dixie's members of the U.S. Senate is soon to be published.

A prolific writer Dr. Bradford has authored five books and contributed to twenty more. Along with George Core he edited *The Southern Tradition at Bay; A History of Post-bellum Thought*, the posthumous work of Richard M. Weaver. He also contributed to the seminal work, *Why the South Will Survive*.

His work regularly appears in such notable periodicals as *The Southern Partisan* and *The National Review*.

The Greenville Camp has recently taken action to acquire a permanent address, which is; POB 10105, Greenville, SC, 29603-0105.

## Lancaster

### WITHERSPOON/BARNES

The Witherspoon/Barnes Camp held its annual Ladies Night Dinner at the Springs Memorial Hospital Board Room on November 15.

The featured speaker, Professor Louise Pettis, of Winthrop College, spoke on South Carolina heroine Mary Boykin Chestnut.

The Camp's guests included **Past-Commander D. Carlyle Baxley** of Camden and several UDC dignitaries. The festivities also included the playing of "Dixie", two raffle prizes and a WBTS quiz.

## Sumter

### P.G.T. BEAUREGARD

The General P.G.T. Beauregard Camp is continuing its work on the repair and repainting of historic markers in and around Sumter. On October 28th a work team completely repainted the historic marker at Mayesville, SC, honoring **Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune**, the famous black educator who was born in Mayesville.

Mrs. Bethune devoted her life to the advancement of her race. She



Com. Julian Dixon and Cmt. "Rusty" Amerson of the P.G.T. Beauregard Camp work to refinish the Bethune marker near Mayesville, South Carolina.

was the founder of the Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida, as well as the National Council of Negro Women, which was organized in 1935. She served as an advisor to four U.S. Presidents and consulted in the

## RETURNED FIRE

from our readers

### Editor:

On a recent visit to the Gettysburg National Military Park, I was told that there is only one statue of a mounted Confederate. Can you tell me why this is?

*Mrs. Sara Quillian  
Daytona Beach, Florida*

*If any of our readers know the answer to Mrs. Quillian's question please contact the PP.*

*Ed.*

drafting of the United Nations Charter.

The marker was completely repainted in bright silver with the lettering painstakingly redone in black. The work on this particular marker highlights the unselfish efforts and dedication of the members of the SCV, and the General Beauregard Camp in particular, to preserve our Southern history.

As an ongoing project the Camp will repair all the markers in its area in the next year.

## Requiescat In Pace

**Brown Mahon**, a charter member of the 16th Regiment South Carolina Volunteers, died in Greenville December 31, at age 90.

**Marion Hewell**, also a compatriot of the Greenville Camp and a former president of American Federal Bank, died December 26.

**Edward C. Thomas** a Compatriot of the Wade Hampton Camp died December 14.

*Strike the Tent.*

## GETTYSBURG REVISITED

by Terry Grissop

On the last weekend in June this year, some 13,000 re-enactors gathered on a farm outside Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to participate in the 125th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. The local paper stated that for that week, the encampment was the largest city in York County.

The artillery park and camp were situated at the top of a long sloping hill, and the rest of the Confederate camp lay sprawling down the hillside. It was a sight to stir the heart. There were probably in excess of 6,000 souls, and it was hard to imagine looking out over an encampment of 50,000 men, as it appeared in '63.

### THE PREPARATION

Before the battles began the artillery were treated to a wonderful demonstration of the mind-set of an agency of the Federal Government. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms got wind of what was in the works, and decided that all these experienced artillerymen did not know how to load their rounds safely.

Here is where bureaucratic brilliance took over. Rather than load the rounds separately, out in the field, they were herded into the a barn where a truck loaded with 11,000 pounds of black powder backed up to the door. One spark, one mistake and the Confederate Artillery would have been virtually wiped out.

The three battles recreated a cavalry fight on the first day, The Wheatfield on the second day and, of course, Pickett's Charge. During the cavalry fight, a Rebel trooper cornered a Yankee guidon bearer and captured his flag to the cheers of the mostly northern spectators!

Possibly the most moving sight

at these large re-enactments is watching the Confederate infantry march out of the camps to the battlefield.

At first, you hear the sound of the sergeants falling in the troops. Then the drum beats of the boy drummers who march into battle as tall as any man. And finally, the shuffling of thousands of feet as the army swings out of the company streets of the camp and into the dirt road that leads to battle.

On they come as if the tented city will never tire of spewing them forth - ragged, dirty, uniforms lacking any uniformity, smiling, whistling, hoping to walk close

enough to a horseman to cry out, "Mister, here's your mule!" which is considered to be an insult, and is certainly intended to be! Wherever one may position oneself to view the spectacle, it is possible to see the beginning and the ending, but never the twain at once.

To see them at a distance, one would not think them much an army, but you must see their faces, their eyes. Then you would know these are men you cross at great peril to your personal well being. A Southern heart that would not tremble at the sight of these ragged heroes would have to be bereft of life itself.

On Saturday night the Confederate camp held a moonlight serenade by a brass band. The bandsmen played by lamplight while soldiers and hoopskirted Southern beauties danced in the evening mist like so many phantoms from a long ago dream.

As Sunday morning broke, breakfast was prepared and eaten,

and worship services held for men who knew what this day would hold for many of them. Last minute preparations were attended to; personal matters settled that a man would not want to die and leave undone; thousands of men hidden in the woods, artillery batteries standing by their pieces in broiling sun for what seemed to be hours --- waiting --- waiting --- waiting.

A bee drones; a butterfly flits about in blissful ignorance of what man is about to bring down upon its world; time sits like a leaden

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weight upon ones shoulders. Men think of home, wives, children, wondering if they will see

them again, when a terrible crashing roar of artillery signals the end of waiting.

### THE FIGHT

The Union and Confederate artillery battle one another with terrible missles that can take a man's leg off, obliterate his head or turn him into so much spindrift. After a time the guns begin to lie silent, for the hour has come, as always, when man against man must decide the final issue.

That ragged, proud, defiant infantry moves through the sleeping guns with their eyes fixed upon the blue soldiers crouched behind the stone wall on the brow of the hill. Three-quarters of a mile over open ground, Yankee artillery and musketry open appalling holes in the ranks.

The artillery that has come up to support the charge are slaughtered like so many sacrificial lambs, and yet the gray soldiers march on and on, with a resolve and a courage that will thrill the world.

## National Digest

But resolve and courage cannot overcome massed cannon and a host of enemy soldiers. A pitiful few stumble over the wall, some guns are taken, many Northern men give their life for Mr. Lincoln, but too many gray and butternut bodies lie across the field as if they had been sown by a giant hand.

### THE RESOLUTION

It was over. Men had done all that men could do. In time people would wonder how that ragged band could have gone so far, climbed so high, done so much, suffered so greatly and come so close with so little. Some men may have wondered, but not men who knew Southerners. No, they knew.

As the last re-enactors leave, the fields of Gettysburg once again become the domain of the fieldmouse, the rabbit and the fox, the owl and the lark, with the wind weaving through the tall grass. As the twilight lengthens into shadows, a quiet listener might hear the ghostly tramp of "Marse Robert's" army marching to glory and into the hearts of their grandsons.

*Terry Grissop is Commander of the 16th Regiment Camp and Gunner Seargent of the Palmetto Light Artillery.*

### The Sinners Prayer

A Chaplain of the United States Senate was asked if, he began each days session with a prayer? "Why, yes." he said. The questioner then asked, "Do you pray for the Senators?". He replied, "No, I look at the Senators and pray for the country.".

### SOUTHERN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION Atlanta.

The Southern Heritage Association -- a political organization associated with the SOUTHERN PARTISAN - held a meeting in Atlanta, Georgia 19 November. The purpose of this meeting was to encourage the various Southern political organizations and "Save the Flag" committees to join one national organization.

Several SCV officials were in attendance including: Earl Faggert, Commander-in-Chief; Bill Hogan, Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief; Keith Hardison, Chief of Staff; Deveraux Cannon, Parliamentarian; as well as Executive Council members Jack Marlar and Norman Dassinger.

Other notables were Tom Pickett, Director Old South Memorial Association and John Vinson, President Culture of the South Association.

At this meeting CIC Faggert announced that for the next two years the SCV will emphasize "The preservation of Southern culture and symbols." As a part of this program he has appointed Cmt. Carrington, of North Carolina, as chairman of the National Heritage Preservation Committee. The purpose of this committee is to prepare and distribute a "Heritage Violation Report" to facilitate a national response to assaults on the culture of the South.

CIC Faggert, who is a private school headmaster called for a "National Textbook Review Committee" to review and possibly produce a suitable text on United States History. He also emphasized the necessity of a concerted effort by stating that, "First they will take the flags, then they will take down the monuments and then the cemeteries."

### MOSB Announces Book Contest

The Military Order of the Stars and Bars has announced that entries for the 1989 Douglas Southall Freeman History Award are now being accepted. The annual award is for the best book of high merit in the field of Southern history, published since 1 May 1988.

The award consists of a cash grant of \$1,000 and is named for Douglas Southall Freeman, the preeminent historian of General Robert E. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia. Anyone interested in the contest may receive further information by contacting; MOSB, POB 1641, Murfreesboro, TN, 37133-1641.

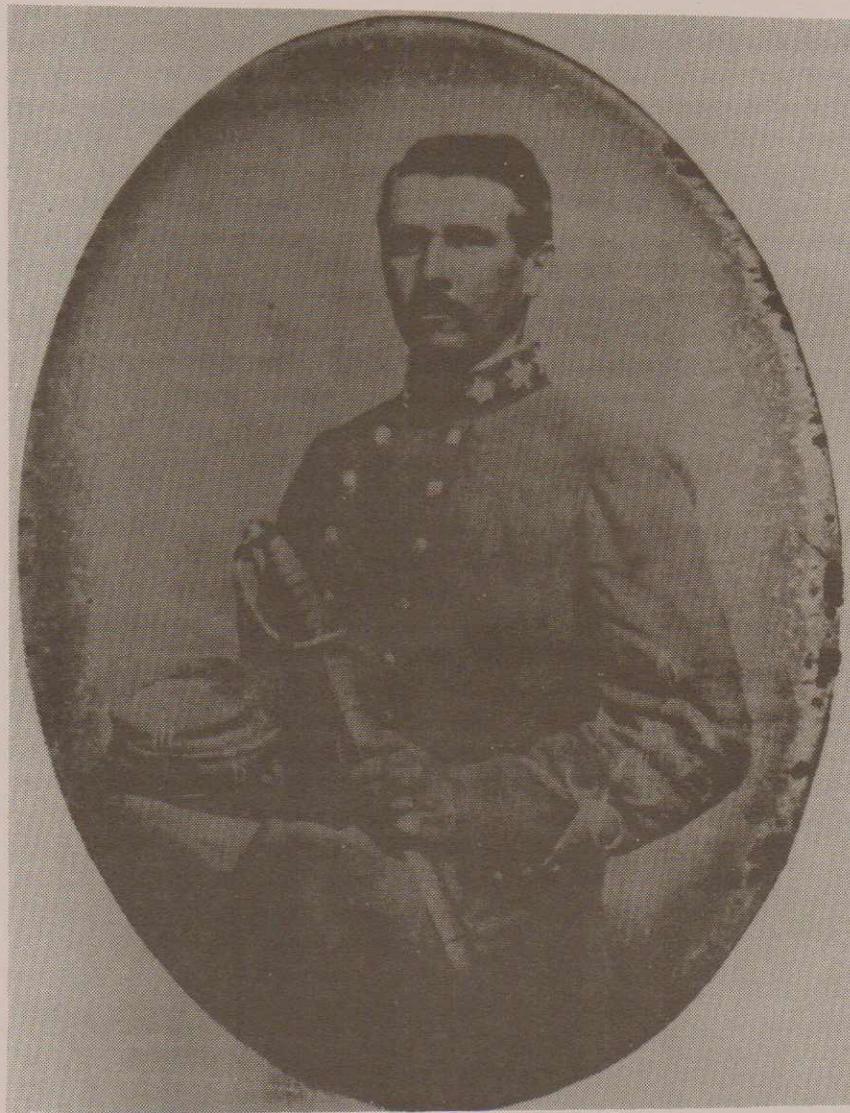
### CONNOR NAMES OFFICERS

Lee Connor, Commander, Army of Northern Virginia, has announced the appointment of six Compatriots from South Carolina as officers for that department.

From Greenville are Vance B. Drawdy Judge Advocate; Jack E. Marlar, Historian; and C.M. Sullivan, 2nd Lt. Com. From Anderson Dr. Hugh Vincent, Jr., Surgeon.. And from Columbia Robert B. Wilkinson, and Samuel B Padgett, III, Aides-de-Camp.

Compatriots may communicate with Com. Connor at his home at, Rt. 1, Box 419, Delco, NC, 28436.

## A GLORIOUS SOUTH CAROLINA CHARGE



*Colonel Micah Jenkins, Confederate States Army*

On the 30th of June, 1862 at Frayser's farm, Colonel Micah Jenkins prepared his 375 men, a remnant of the 1400 Carolinians that began the "seven days" campaign.

Across the field of Frayser's Farm there was not just a battery but a long line of entrenched yankee troops, at least a brigade. With orders to silence the battery, Jenkins rode up and down in front of his men and led them in a gallant charge.

Within fifty yards, his first horse was killed. Enfiladed at 300 yards by twelve pieces of artillery, firing grape and shell, still undaunted they pressed on, brave Carolinians falling all the way. Thirteen times color bearers were shot down, and still there was a hero ever ready to bear them to victory or death.

They reached the breastworks and over their Colonel leaps, there his second horse fell. Silencing the battery they turned the guns on the fleeing enemy. A terrific feat at a terrific cost.

Colonel Jenkins wrote his wife, "God has been most merciful, but oh my God, what terrible trials we have been through. All my best friends, men and officers, killed and wounded. In my fight on Monday I carried 375 men and had 250 killed and wounded. Never was such gallantry shown.

"The enemy behind breastworks poured their fire into us until within 30 feet before they gave back, and 12 pieces of artillery, for a quarter of a mile, enfiladed my line at 300 yards with grape and shell. We drove everything before us, but when we got there scarce anybody was left.

"I am the most singular instance of the providence of God. My sword shot off with a grape, broken again by a ball, the sword knot cut by a ball, my bridle rein cut with a ball, my saddle cloth cut with a ball, my horse shot under me twice, my overcoat, tied behind my saddle, cut in a dozen places with shell, I was hit upon the shoulder with a grape and upon the breast with a shell, am here to praise and bless Him. And if I live, my wife, my life is His hereafter. I dedicate it to His service."

The Carolinians had charged a quarter mile over open ground, captured and held a battery of the enemy's guns at a loss of 66%. These men, under Jenkins' command, were part of the Fifth S.C., Jenkins' Palmetto Sharpshooters, and part of R. H. Anderson's Brigade.

Jenkins was thereafter promoted, wounded again and finally killed at the Wilderness at age 28.

From "Career and Character of General Micah Jenkins, C.S.A." by John P. Thomas (1905).

## Commander Commended for Conspicuous Service

Division Commander C. Earl Barnett has been named law officer of the year by the Downtown Rotary Club of Greenville. This honor follows closely on Com. Barnett's being promoted to the rank of Major making him the second in command of the State's largest Sheriffs Department.

The award which is presented to one City Police Officer and one County Sheriffs Officer was presented January 10.

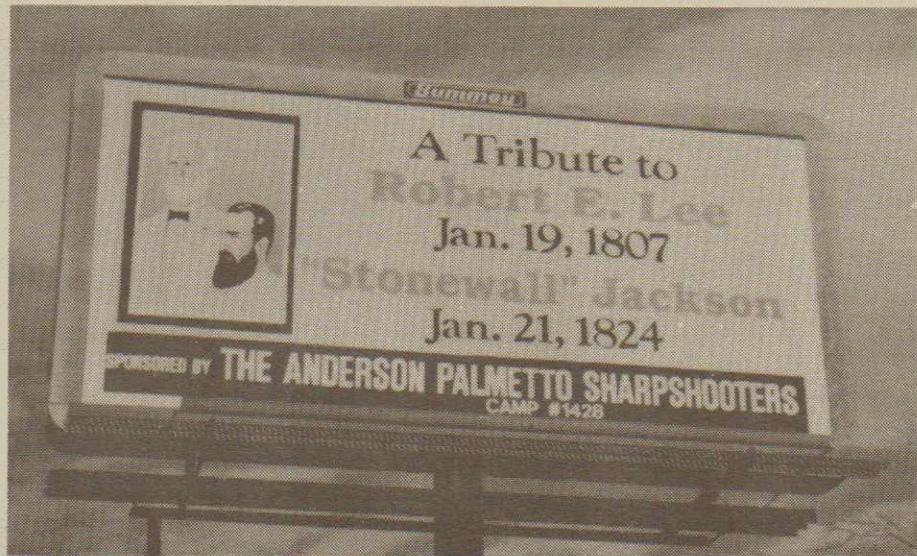
### Generals Garner Gratitude

The Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp in Anderson has erected a billboard (pictured above right). The sign was erected January 4, 1989 and will remain up until February 4.

The billboard, which is prominently located in a heavy traffic area of Anderson, is a birthday tribute to Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson.

### Camden Calls Convention

The Joseph B. Kershaw Camp is presently making plans for the next Division Convention which



will be held Saturday April 14th, from 10:00 to 3:00, in Camden.

J.J. Fox, who is in charge of the planning, reports that CIC Earl Faggert and his Chief-of-Staff will attend. A registration form will be mailed to every Compatriot.

### A Senataph for Sharpsburg

A joint committee of the SCV and UDC organizations met in Columbia 4 February to plan an effort to erect a monument to the fallen soldiers from South Carolina at the Maryland battle site.

The meeting included Mrs. Joan

Stevens of the UDC, Cmt. Jack Marlar representing the SCV, Cmt. Jim Perrin and Cmt. Jeff Bryson who also serves with the Governors office.

At present there is not a monument to the South Carolinians who were killed-in-action at the Battle of Sharpsburg. The Sharpsburg Monument Committee intends to rectify that.

The committee hopes to present a plan for fund raising and a design for the monument in the near future, and requests the help of all South Carolinians in this project.

### Lancaster Line: the Nation's Best.

The LANCASTER LINE, newsletter for the Witherspoon/Barnes Camp, was awarded first place in the SCV's National Newsletter Competition for Camps with fewer than fifty members.

The LANCASTER LINE, which is edited by Cmt Jeff Bryson, deserves our congratulations for a job well done.

### Confederate Calendar

15 April	South Carolina Division Convention - Camden, South Carolina.
12 -14 May	125th Anniversary of the Battle of New Market - New Market Virginia
19 -21 May	125th Anniversary of the Battle of Resaca - Resaca Georgia
10 May	Legal Confederate Memorial Day in South Carolina
August 1989	General Convention, Sons of Confederate Veterans - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

## Rise and Fall, and Rise

Those who thought the agrarian South was a thing of the past can take heart. According to a recent WALL STREET JOURNAL article the richest county (*per capita*) in the United States is in the South - Loving County, Texas. In fact you have to go all the way down to number eight to get to a non-Southern county.

Loving County contains about one hundred people, ten ranches and a whole lot of cows. This means that the citizens of Loving County can boast that there prosperity is the product of a lot of bull. But, then again, so can the others.

It seems that the second through the seventh all border the District of Columbia. Which is just another sign that not only the South lost the War.

### Better Late Than Never.

On one of General O.O. Howard's visits to Columbia, during reconstruction days, he met General Wade Hampton accidentally, in the presence of Major James G. Gibbes. The Major introduced the two Generals. Howard promptly put forth his hand towards the General, who withheld his saying, "I cannot take your hand, sir, until you retract your statement as to my connection with the burning of this city."

"General Hampton," came the prompt reply, "I freely admit that

I was mistaken in that matter; and hope that now you will forgive and forget it." Gen. Hampton nodded and a shake resulted.

### Hampton's Legion

The Hampton Legion was wiped out as a unit in the 1862 reorganization of the Army of Northern Virginia; at least so to speak. The Cavalry, eight companies under Butler, formed the nucleus of the 2nd South Carolina Cavalry. Hart's Battery was assigned to Hood's Brigade, later Hood's Division, and the eight companies of the Legion Infantry were assigned to Hood's Texas Brigade where they served as "The Hampton Legion" for the duration.

### "All the News That [Used to be] Fit to Print."

From the GREENVILLE NEWS, January 12, 1908. General Stephen D. Lee, Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans today declared he was opposed to a joint reunion in Washington, D.C., in 1909.

The reunion would bring together, on both sides, veterans who might be imprudent enough in language and bearing to give offense and bring bitterness. He also says that he is opposed to the national government pensioning Confederate veterans.

The GREENVILLE NEWS issue of

January 22, 1908 reports that Gen. S.D. Lee spoke to the Legislature in Columbia as to his love for his native State. His people are buried here and he was born in Charleston.

He says he will speak later of his mission to urge this State to erect memorials to its dead at Vicksburg National Military Park. He quoted a Union officer who said, "The records show that South Carolina had lost more than 23% of her arm bearing citizens in the struggle.". He also said, "South Carolina sent 37 out of every 42 arm bearing citizens to the Revolutionary War".

### Party Animals

In the Fall of 1864, the ladies of Columbia decided to get up a "Bazaar" for the benefit of the wounded soldiers, in the State Capitol. Successful in every way, the exhibits were unique and the eatables and drinkables enticing. Perhaps too.

During the festivities several unknown men in all too new Confederate uniforms were noticed, but no suspicions were aroused.

When Sherman invaded the city several months afterwards, some of his officers described scenes which occurred during the now famous entertainment, revealing that they must have attended in *propria personae*.

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